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**Saturday, Dec. 24, 1881.**

We understand that Mr. James Gordon Bennett is assisting the State Department financially.

THE PREJUDICE exhibited by Charles J. Guiteau against District Attorney Corbitt is almost as bitter as that manifested toward the same official last spring and summer by A. M. Gibson and Isaac W. McVey.

THERE IS EVERY REASON to believe that our esteemed contemporary, the *Star*, has decided to resume the duties of a Democratic organ. Its present ownership of those Republican Congressmen who didn't get chairmanships is not understood to be permanent.

SOME OF OUR PIOUS EXCHANGES think Sam Randall's bill to refund at 3 per cent. is a Democratic dodge to make the public think they wanted to reduce taxation. Inasmuch as Mr. Sherman got the same bill before the said public first, we hope the "dodge" will be correctly placed.

THE *New York Herald* would evidently like to have the distinguished Mr. Shipherd succeed Steve Hurlbut at Lima. The distinguished Mr. Shipherd would probably not require any instructions. By the way, is Shipherd admitted at the *Herald* office on the same footing with John Codman—that is, on the ground floor.

SO FAR AS OUR EXCHANGES have come to hand we note that none of the great Democratic organs of the country are pleased with Speaker Keifer's committee. The great Democratic organs have had so much influence in Republican affairs of late that they feel really hurt about the way Keifer has acted. The great Democratic organs are also sad at the prospect of losing control of the Post-office Department soon after the 1st of January. But they still cling hopefully to the Department of Justice.

MODESTY is one of the prevailing characteristics of the Philadelphians. The other day a showman undertook to march a band of Zulus about the streets in native costumes that is to say, breech-clouts and grass paint. The mayor of the town saw the exhibition and was shocked. He ordered the chief of police to see that the gaudy savages were provided with undergarments when they next went out to promenade. It would not do to send a Philadelphia on a diplomatic mission to the King of Dahomey. Mr. Arthur should bear this in mind.—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

This reminds us of the depravity in Washington. We had the same show here and some of our first-class families along the line of march rubbed the dust off their opera glasses.

SECRETARY KINKWOOD yesterday issued the bound-and-crippled order to John Paul Jones to his heirs. There were twenty-seven pieces. This shows a high appreciation of J. P. Jones' services in that gentle and joyous passenger-car between the Bon Homme Richard and the Serapis off Marblehead some years ago.—*Republican*.

We are glad to know that the services of Paul Jones have been recognized, even tardily, by his grateful country. But we never knew before that the Bon Homme Richard and the Serapis met twice. We knew they had one terrific battle off Old Flamborough Head, on the Yorkshire coast; but the other combat, located by the infallible historiographer of our esteemed contemporary "off Marblehead," is a new thing to us. We shall at once overhaul our log. It is humiliating to think that Paul Jones fought a sea-fight "off Marblehead" unbeknownst to us.

IT IS GRATIFYING to learn that the President contemplates offering the Secretaryship of the Navy to Mr. William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire. Mr. Chandler's eminence in the councils of his party and the distinguished merit of his services as a partisan undoubtedly entitle him to exalted recognition. But apart from these considerations, Mr. Chandler's rank among public men and his familiarity with public affairs suggests the highest availability in the personal sense.

A Republican Cabinet without New England representation would be an anomaly. The selection of Mr. Chandler would not only accord to New England its traditional representation, but would also form an exception to the intensely Stalwart rule prevailing thus far; an exception which, as the President doubtless realizes, would be hailed with satisfaction by a great many Republicans whose views are worthy attention. It is not necessary to refer to the question of special adaptation. A man of Mr. Chandler's capacity in affairs stands at all times adapted to the duties and responsibilities of any place to which the fortune of politics may call him.

And last but not least of the many things to be said in his favor is the fact that his frank courage of opinion in matters of public discussion has won him the respect of everybody, while the simplicity and geniality of his social ways and manners give him the best sort of popularity. Mr. Chandler is a thorough representative of the youth and vigor of America. He would be an element of party strength and general popularity in the Cabinet.

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